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SUBJECT : EMBASSY MANAMA COMMUNICATIONS

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1. CIVIL ENGINEER CONTRACTOR HAS TESTED ("CEMENT COMPRESSION TEST") CEMENT STRENGTH IN NEW CENTRAL CHANCERY BUILDING AT 2000 TO 2350 PSI THROUGHOUT. FURTHER FLOOR TESTING WOULD TAKE TWO WEEKS AND MUST BE DONE BY COMPLEX "FLEXIBILITY METHOD" USING WEIGHTS, MICROMETERS, AND LOAD COLUMNS. NO AVAILABLE CONTRACTOR WILLING TO ASSUME LIABILITY FOR DAMAGE TO STRUCTURE DURING TESTING. COST ESTIMATE OF THIS TEST FOR PROJECTED COMMUNICATIONS ROOM ALONE IS DOLLARS 2945.

2. BECAUSE OF OPERATIONAL NECESSITY FOR US TO MOVE AT EARLIEST POSSIBILITY, WE MUST GO AHEAD WITH OTHER NECESSARY WORK. AMBASSADOR'S PROJECTED MOVE DATE IS NOW MID-SEPTEMBER.

3. WE HOPE THAT "COMPRESSION TEST" INFORMATION WILL PERMIT YOUR REACHING WORKING ESTIMATE OF FLOOR STRENGTH. HOPEFULLY THIS ESTIMATE WILL SATISFY YOUR REALISTIC LOAD-BEARING NEEDS, REMEMBERING THAT WE ARE ACQUIRING EXISTING PROPERTY AND NOT BUILDING FROM SCRATCH TO SPECIFICATIONS, AND THAT WE ARE DOING
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SO IN LARGE PART IN AN EFFORT TO HUSBAND PUBLIC FUNDS

RESPONSIBILITY. IF ADDITIONAL STRENGTHENING WORK IS FELT
ESSENTIAL ON BASIS THIS INFORMATION OR IF "FLEXIBILITY TEST"
IS AN UNAVOIDABLE NECESSITY, PLEASE UNDERSTAND EMBASSY WILL
NEED FUNDING IMMEDIATELY FOR THIS UNANTICIPATED REQUIREMENT.

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